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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing Senator Leahy on Panama and El Salvador

1. On 29 January, Senator Patrick Leahy (D., VT) was briefed by the DDCI [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of ALA in the DDCI's office. [REDACTED] was present for the briefing. Leahy will be visiting Panama and El Salvador 1-5 February. He is particularly interested in issues related to aid the US will provide both governments because he is Chairman of the Foreign Operations Subcommittee which has jurisdiction over all US aid. (C)

2. The following are the key points of the briefing.

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Analyst provided update of our knowledge relating to the killings of the Jesuits. Leahy brought up report of D'Aubisson's statements about some of the priests the night of their murder. Analyst said we have no evidence linking the D'Aubisson statements to the killings. DDCI noted we could not discount a link to D'Aubisson.

Leahy asked about status of trial of accused soldiers and whether trial would continue if the military said to stop. Analyst described judicial process and its weaknesses and said that the military could stop the trial but had not done so.

Leahy asked about aftermath of FMLN offensive. Analyst described military defeat propaganda successes.

Leahy interested in intelligence prior to FMLN offensive. Analyst described our foreknowledge of attack. [REDACTED]

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Leahy asked what we knew about corruption in government particularly corruption involving US aid. Analysts described pervasive corruption but said we knew little about its impact on US aid.

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